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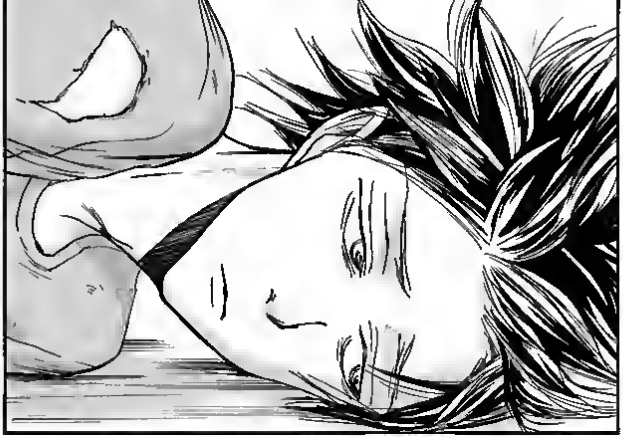

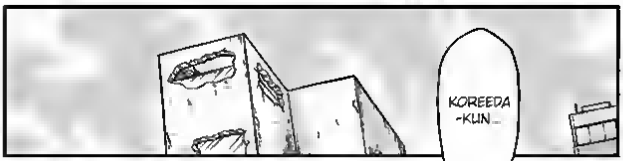
KOREEDA -KUN...

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SWAY
HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE THE CYBER ATTACK INCIDENT
HE MUST BE PRETTY FRUSTRATED AT NOT BEING ABLE TO BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF THAT BLONDIE...
DUFFER

UWAH!!
KOREDA... KUN...
THIS IS... THE GUARANTEE FROM THE POLICE CHEER UP...

I HAVE ANOTHER CONSULTING JOB LINED UP FOR YOU! DO YOUR BEST...
OH... I'M SOR- I MEAN, THANK YOU...
HE DIDN'T YELL AT ME... EVEN THOUGH HE YELLED AT ME ALMOST EVERY DAY FOR A MONTH...
WELL YOU SEE, KOREEDA-KUN...
Stop idling around! Change gears and get back to work!
SMIRK

SWING
HE'S GOING TO GO SPEAK AT AN ALUMNI LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY AND WELL
GRIN
UNLUCKY DAY ?
TODAY IS WHAT YOU CALL AN "UNLUCKY DAY" FOR SAKAI-SAN

IT SEEMS HIS WIFE IS GOING TO BE THERE TOO.

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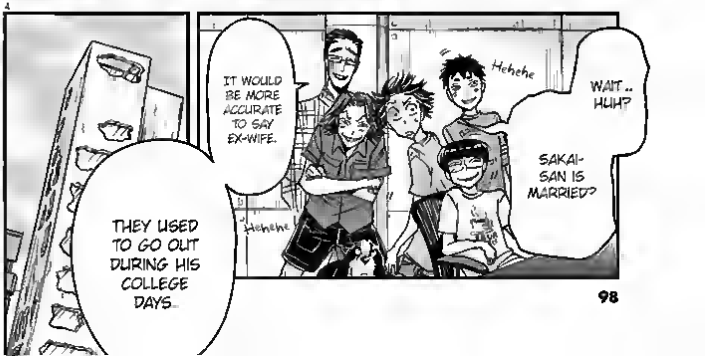
THEY USED TO GO OUT DURING HIS COLLEGE DAYS...
IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY EX-WIFE.
Hehehe
Hehehe
WAIT.. HUH?
SAKAI-SAN IS MARRIED?

HAHAHA... SO EVEN SAKAI-SAN HAS PEOPLE HE ISN'T GOOD AT DEALING WITH.
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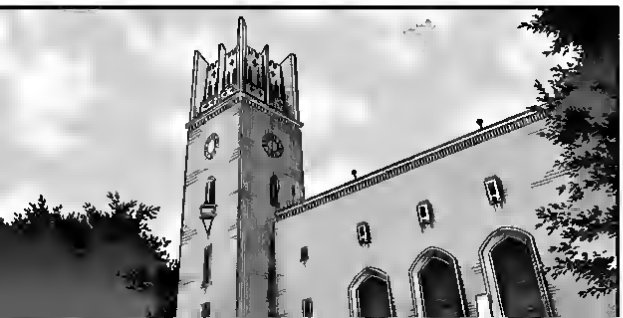
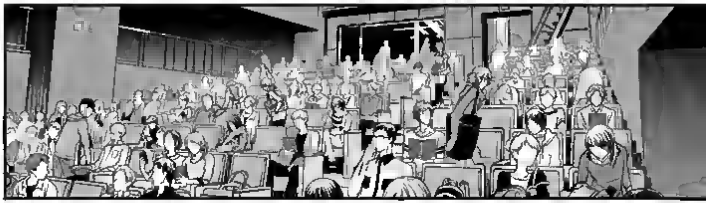
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SAKAI-SAN...
SCRATCH





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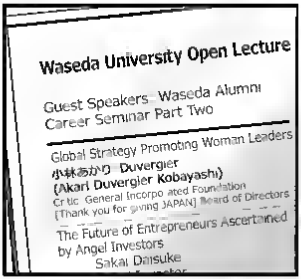
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TAP
OH INDEED, IT SEEMS YOU HAVE AS WELL.
OH SO YOU'VE BECOME QUITE IMPOR-TANT

HEY, LONG TIME NO SEE
WHAT THE HELL!! SHE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL!
SO YOU'RE GIVING A SPEECH TOO! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT AS WELL
OH, IT'S FROM MY HUSBAND. YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO ON, RIGHT? GOOD LUCK
AS IF...
YEAH, THANKS.

HAA
ouii Je t'aime...
THIS MAKES IT FIVE YEARS NOW..? SEEING HER FACE ONLY BRINGS BACK PAINFUL MEMORIES...
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YOU HAVE THE FLOOR
NEXT UP IS ANGEL INVESTOR SAKAI DAISUKE

THAT WOMAN...!! IS SHE HERE TO MAKE FUN OF ME?!

UHH, THIS MAKES ME THE SECOND SPEAKER TODAY I BELIEVE

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, SHE HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED TEASING ME
Why the hell is she making that face?

LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT I'M SAKAI DAISUKE

I AM INCREDIBLY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH BRILLIANT STUDENTS SUCH AS YOURSELVES TODAY.
AS THIS TYPE OF CHANCE DOESN'T COME OFTEN, I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AN OPEN DISCOURSE WITH THE AUDIENCE, ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE HONESTLY.
AFTER ALL, IF I JUST STAND HERE AND DRONE ON IN A MECHANICAL MANNER, I DOUBT YOU'LL REMEMBER ANYTHING.
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING PARTICULARLY COMPLICATED ABOUT THE IT WORLD ANYWAY.

CLAP CLAP
IT INDUS-TRY
ME.

SO WITH THAT
WHICH ONE DO YOU GUYS HAVE MORE INTEREST IN? "THE CURRENT STATE OF THE IT INDUSTRY" OR "MY OWN CAREER"?
YOU CAN ANSWER BY CLAPPING.

CHATTER
GIGGLE
CHATTER
OH... I SEE! THEN TODAY WILL BE QUITE EASY!

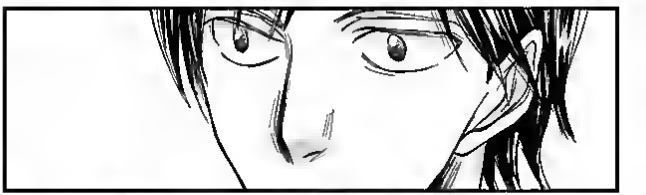
I STARTED MY FIRST COMPANY WHEN I WAS 27 YEARS OLD. THE COMPANY WAS A DVD PARALLEL IMPORTING SERVICE, WHICH I SOLD TOGETHER WITH MY COLLEAGUES WHEN I WAS 29 YEARS OLD FOR TWO BILLION YEN.
MY CURRENT OCCUPATION IS ACTING AS A FINANCIER FOR START-UP COMPANIES THROUGH MY OWN PRIVATE FUNDS

ALTHOUGH I GUESS I DO HAVE TO HAVE HUMAN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE ELSE FOR AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FOUR HOURS OUT OF SIX
STRESS... IF I WERE TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, I PERSONALLY DON'T GET STRESSED VERY OFTEN

MAY I ASK A QUESTION?
I BELIEVE THAT MENTAL TOUGHNESS IS AN IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC REQUIRED OF AN ENTREPRENEUR. DO YOU KNOW ANY GOOD METHODS OF RELEASING STRESS?

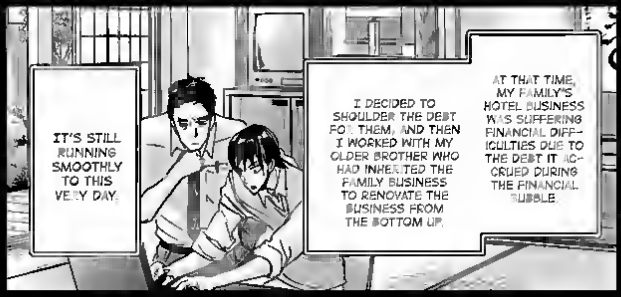
IN ADDITION TO ENTREPRENEURS, ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE COME TO VISIT
MEANING THAT I'M ABLE TO FORM CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE, AND WIDEN MY WEB OF SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
THE PLACE WHERE I LIVE RIGHT NOW IS BEING USED AS A SPACE FOR THE START UP COMPANIES I'M INVESTING IN. SO THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE ELSE THERE

YOU WITH THE BEANIE
WHEN YOU FINALLY HIT UPON A BIG WAD OF MONEY DID YOU EVER THINK "ALRIGHT!! I CAN NOW LIVE EASY AND JUST PLAY AROUND FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!"?
I SUPPOSE STICKING CLOSELY TO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY BE MORE CHARACTERISTIC OF HOW I LIKE DOING THINGS THOUGH...
PRIVATE FINANCING IS A GAMBLE USING MY OWN MONEY WHICH IS WHY I LIKE HAVE A POST AT THE COMPANIES I'VE INVESTED IN AND WHY I ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR ACTIVITIES



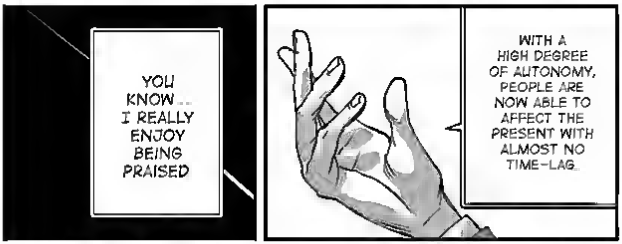
LET'S TRY A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT SAY THAT YOU SUDDENLY ACQUIRE SEVERAL BILLION YEN WHILE STILL IN YOUR TWENTIES WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, THAT THOUGHT HAS NEVER ONCE CROSSED MY MIND SERIOUSLY
HMM... UHH SORRY

international AirPort
Destination
Gate
Time
Remarks
LAS VEGAS
SHOULD I GO ON A JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD? I MYSELF ALSO WASN'T ENTIRELY SURE ABOUT WHAT TO DO
NO LONGER HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU WERE GOING TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, YOU WILL BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO IN LIFE, HOW YOU WANTED TO LIVE.


IT'S STILL RUNNING SMOOTHLY TO THIS VERY DAY.
I DECIDED TO SHOULDER THE DEBT FOR THEM, AND THEN I WORKED WITH MY OLDER BROTHER WHO HAD INHERITED THE FAMILY BUSINESS TO RENOVATE THE BUSINESS FROM THE BOTTOM UP.
AT THAT TIME, MY FAMILY'S HOTEL BUSINESS WAS SUFFERING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES DUE TO THE DEBT ACCRUED DURING THE FINANCIAL BUBBLE.

IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT I FELT, "THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ALIVE!".

IF YOU KEEP UP WITH THE CHANGING OF GENERATIONS AND LEAD PEOPLE TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE THEN YOU ARE GUARANTEED TO SUCCEED
THE INTERNET IS THE PRIME EXAMPLE OF THAT
IT CONNECTS PEOPLE FROM ALL ACROSS THE WORLD


WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY, PEOPLE ARE NOW ABLE TO AFFECT THE PRESENT WITH ALMOST NO TIME-LAG.
YOU KNOW... I REALLY ENJOY BEING PRAISED

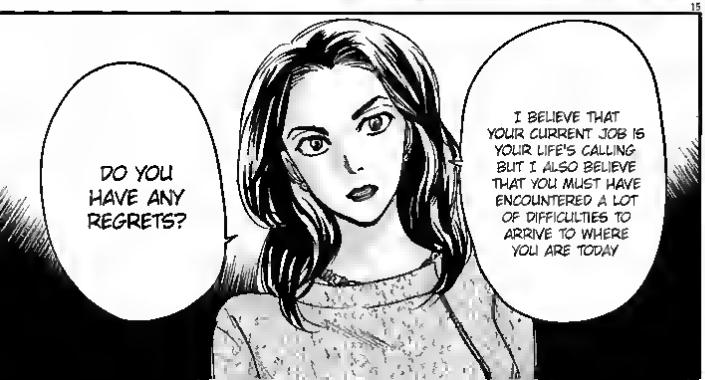
I MEAN, WHO DOESN'T?
HOWEVER, 10 PEOPLE, 100 PEOPLE...? THAT ISN'T ENOUGH. 1000 PEOPLE, 10,000 PEOPLE. NO— SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE!!
I WANT PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD TO USE MY PRODUCT AND SAY, "HOW CONVENIENT!" AND "THIS IS SO EASY TO USE!"

THE WORD "CONVENIENT" IS LIKE A DRUG
I BELIEVE THE ONLY THING CAPABLE OF SATISFYING THE AMBITIONS OF OBSESSIVE INDIVIDUALS, SUCH AS MYSELF, IS THE WORLD I AM CURRENTLY STANDING IN.

I'D LIKE TO HEAR SAKAI'S VIEWS ON ROMANCE.
GO AHEAD

RAISE

GO AHEAD
I LIKE TO REGARD ROMANCE AND BUSI-NESS AS EQUALLY IMPORTANT
FUCK... THIS WOMAN IS SO... JEEZ...


DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS?
I BELIEVE THAT YOUR CURRENT JOB IS YOUR LIFE'S CALLING BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT YOU MUST HAVE ENCOUNTERED A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES TO ARRIVE TO WHERE YOU ARE TODAY

I HAVE NO REGRETS.
I'D PREFER TO SPEND MY FREE TIME AND ENERGY ON GETTING BACK TO WORK, RATHER THAN THINKING ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT'S JUST WHO I AM.

CON-
TINUING
ON——
BOTH THE
REASON
I DATED
YOU AND
EVENTUALLY
BROKE UP
WITH YOU...
WAS BE-
CAUSE OF THAT
UNWAVERING
PERSONALITY
OF YOURS THAT
WOULDN'T EVEN
BUDGE AN
INCH...

Winter 1994

Sakai Daisuke
OPEN
DAI-
SUKE...!!
YOU STOOD
ME UP
AGAIN!
GRR...!!
HOW LONG
DOES HE
INTEND TO
MAKE ME
WAIT?!
DON'T
TELL
ME...?!

OHH!! AKARI! YOU'VE COME AT A GOOD TIME! WE'RE WATCHING FILMS FROM THE EUROPEAN GROTESQUE FILM FESTIVAL!
WANT TO JOIN US?

YOU DIDN'T JUST STAND ME UP. YOU COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT OUR DATE....